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Amend. In Resp. to Off. Act. of July 12, 2007

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REMARKS

Applicants have amended Claims 20, 23, 26-27, 33 and 39.

Currently pending in the application are Claims 20-39.

The Examiner rejected Claims 20-39 under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection are respectfully requested.

As to Claim 20, Applicants have amended the claim to specify that the same battery is referred throughout the claim. In the same claim, the expression "to obtain a locked position and a released position" has been changed to —to move between a locked position and a released position--.

As to the closure member having a generally angled surface "directed toward" a received battery, Applicants submit that the objected phrase is clear as it identifies that the generally angled surface faces the received battery.

As to Claim 26, Applicants have amended the claim to specify that the movement of closure member between the locked and released positions is generally transverse to the channel guide.

As to Claim 27, Applicants have amended the claim to specify that the same battery is referred throughout the claim. In the same claim, the expression "to obtain a locked position and a released position" has been changed to —to move between a locked position and a released position--.

In addition, Applicants have amended Claim 27 to specify that the closure member is orientated transversely to the guide channel when in the released position.

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As to Claim 33, Applicants have amended the claim to remove the antecedent issues. Furthermore, Applicants have amended Claim 33 to specify that the same battery is referred throughout the claim.

As to the objected "push button disposed transverse to the guide channel" phrase, Applicants submit that such expression relies on the plain meaning of the word "transverse." As shown in the attached print-out of the online Merriam-Webster's dictionary (www.m-w.com), "transverse" means "set crosswise." In other words, the claimed push button is disposed crosswise to the guide channel. Therefore, no amendment is necessary.

As to the closure member having a generally angled surface "directed toward" a received battery, Applicants submit that the objected phrase is clear as it identifies that the generally angled surface faces the received battery.

As to Claim 39, Applicants have amended the claim to specify that the movement of closure member between the locked and released positions is generally transverse to the channel guide.

In the July 12, 2007 Office Action, the Examiner noted issues with the wording in the last three lines of Claim 20. Applicants can only assume that the Examiner is objecting to the phrase "included on toward." In response Applicants have deleted "toward" from such objected phrase.

In view of the foregoing, Claims 20-39 are patentable and the application is believed to be in condition for formal allowance. Reconsideration of the application and allowance of the Claim are respectfully requested.

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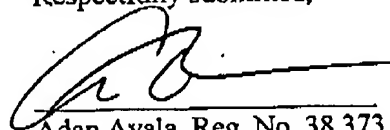
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No fee is believed due. Nonetheless, the Commissioner is authorized to charge payment of any fees due in processing this response, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2548.

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